





# Telephone caller says he knows one of the men who assaulted boy

The focus of the hunt for three men who abducted a six-year-old boy near his home in Brighton and sexually assaulted him yesterday to an anonymous telephone caller who claimed to know one of the attackers. Det. Chief Insp Geoffrey Randle, who is leading the hunt, said that the anonymous caller sounded terrified when he made two calls on Sunday evening shortly after 10pm.

"He said that he knew one of the persons who had attacked the boy and that he knew where the man lived. It was a long distance telephone call from the north of England."

The caller did agree at one time that he would meet an officer but still refused to give his name or whereabouts. He said that if it was found out that he had told the police that he knew the identity of the man he would be in for it.

"We tried to persuade him to make an appointment or agree to go to a police station or give us some details whereby we could meet and talk with him but he merely repeated that he was terrified and eventually broke down in tears and rang off," Inspector Randle said.

"The same man rang back at 10.15 the same night. On this occasion he said that he himself was gay and that his friend, the one who was responsible for the attack, is perverted. He also

said that this man had told him that 'he has done it'."

"He repeated that he was terrified, and did not want us to come to his house and despite our efforts for him to identify himself, the man broke off the conversation."

"We appeal to this man to contact us again either by telephone or by post. If he does not feel that he can approach the police directly, maybe there is someone he can trust, a priest or a friend, who will help him to come to us so that we can evaluate what he has to say."

Mr Randle said.

Each of the two telephone calls, both of which the police are treating seriously, lasted two minutes and were not traceable, although it is known that they were made from a private telephone.

"We are always very conscious that some people with a weird sense of humour might play games with us now that we have made this public, but he said a couple of things which would help us identify the caller," Mr Randle said. The man had a northern accent.

A left-hand-drive car with German number plates that boarded the Sealink Newhaven to Dieppe ferry and was believed might have been the one seen in the area of the boy's abduction on the night of the attack has been virtually eliminated from inquiries.

A woman saw a brown car with black numbers on white plates, in the style of German cars, near where the boy was kidnapped. The only German car on the next available ferry after the attack 10 days ago was a green BMW which has been traced to an elderly couple living in Munich.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, has threatened a backbench revolt against the Government unless the Paedophile Information Exchange, which advocates sex between adults and children is banned.

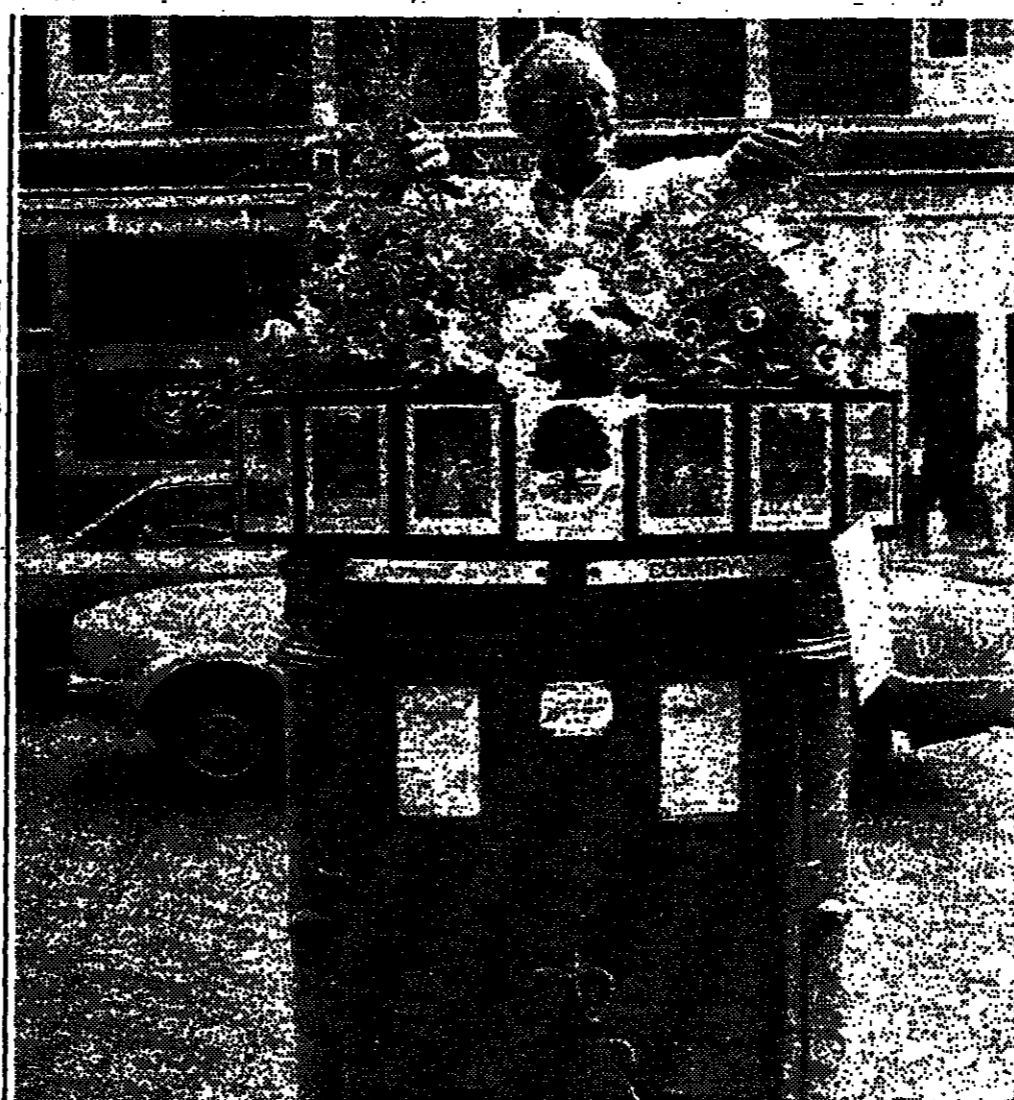
"He said that he would not 'lobbed off with replies that the present law is adequate to protect children'."

"Public opinion now demands action. I have now thrown the gauntlet down to the Government, and there will be a massive row if they do not act," Mr Dickens said.

The Paedophile Information Exchange yesterday condemned the attack on the boy.

Mr Steven Adrian, a former vice-chairman of PIE and a committee member, said: "Mr Dickens just sees PIE as a very populist platform."

He said "PIE unreservedly condemns such incidents whenever they occur. People with such callous motivation would have not point in joining PIE. We would have nothing to offer such individuals."



Bizarre blooms: Graeme Garden, of the television comedy series, "The Goodies," living up to his name yesterday by planting flowers on a pillar box in Farringdon Street, central London. The unusual plot came from the Beautiful Britain Campaign and marked the issue of four stamps featuring beautiful British gardens (Photographer: John Voos).

# Bailiff changes 'will make credit dearer'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Consumer credit could become more expensive and harder to obtain as a result of a planned 30 per cent reduction in the 1,100 county court bailiffs and a cut-back in their duties, a traders' representative said yesterday.

Mr John Patrick, director of the Consumer Credit Trade Association, told *The Times* that had-debt losses to the retail trade could be increased by more than £3m by the changes.

Dr B W Bailey, director of the United Association for the Protection of Trade, said that protests have been made to the Lord Chancellor, who oversees the Courts, by trade bodies.

The Lord Chancellor's Department plans to cut bailiffs' work by increasing the minimum level for a part warrant of execution from £15 to £50. The warrant is issued by the court at the request of the creditor for part of the outstanding debt.

Broadly speaking, it applies where a court has made an order for repayment by instalments. The amount for which the warrant is issued cannot be less than one of the instalments and at present cannot be less than £15. The new minimum of £50 will reduce numbers of warrants issued.

Economies will also be made in serving of summonses. The plaintiff now has a choice of how a summons can be served to notify the debtor of a claim. The Lord Chancellor's Office plans to remove the choice of having it served by a court bailiff.

Mr Patrick said that the changes could lead to a significant shift in the tactics used by retailers to collect debts. He predicted greater use of attachments on earnings orders. Consumer credit would become much tighter and the customer could end up by paying more.

The CCTA represents companies like Debenhams, the Co-op Bank, Currys, Fumebelows, Woolworth and Selfridges.

New credit extended by retailers in 1982 was £3,370m. Finance houses extended a further £5,938m fixed sum credit.

The Burton Group, the clothing retailer, estimates that it could lose between £300,000 and £400,000 because of the changes. Mr Victor Ware, the credit manager, said that he was also concerned that county courts would not record judgments below £50. "This meant that people prevented from getting credit because of their bad payments may well be able to. That will cause bad debts."

Retailers will be most affected by the changes because the sums involved are smaller.

Increasing numbers of people are getting into debt, according to *Clapham Omnibus*, the magazine published by the National Consumer Council. Redundancies have created a new class of debtor, the white-collar worker or skilled worker.

# New computer 'links home and school'

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A new British-made home computer designed to be plugged into the television set was launched yesterday by Acorn, the makers of the BBC Microcomputer. It is half the price of the corporation's model.

The Electron will be on sale for just under £200 from next month in Acorn dealers in 100 W. H. Smith shops. It is not as sophisticated as the BBC Microcomputer which was launched last year and has sold more than 150,000, but it does have a number of its good features.

The BBC Microcomputer has been used extensively in schools and its sales have been stimulated by the television programmes made on computers by the corporation. The new Acorn product, however, has been designed to be used by everyone in the home.

Acorn management says: "The majority of children using computers at school are learning on a BBC Micro. Having a BBC-compatible Electron at home will ensure that their skills are never wasted, since whatever is learned at home can be immediately applied at school. The home will soon

become as much a place for learning as the school."

According to a recent survey, girls are 13 times less likely than boys to use microcomputers and only 4 per cent of mothers use them. Acorn is also addressing itself to that market.

"Unless girls are encouraged to make more use of micros at home, they will undoubtedly fall behind in the application of computers at school," the company says.

●The most read book in the world, the Bible, can now be analysed using a microcomputer.

Serious students of the Bible have had a special set of programs written for them by Bible Research Systems of Austin, Texas and marketed in Britain at about £150 by Pete and Pam Computers, of Rosendale, Lancashire.

The package can be run on Apple, IBM and Osborne personal computers, among others. The 4.5 million characters of the King James Bible are contained in four, six or eight discs, depending on the machine. The programs allow the user to extract the relevant texts on a particular subject by using keywords.

# Straw-burning ban urged to cut waste

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The annual burning of straw worth about £500m is the biggest waste scandal in farming, the Friends of the Earth organization says in a report published yesterday.

The straw has the thermal capacity of 2,700,000 tonnes of coal and could provide all the heating fuel needed in agriculture, the group says. Burning it in the fields destroys the insects and rodents on which birds depend.

The report calls for a total ban on straw burning and suggest instead a straw haulage subsidy, from funds at present supporting cereal production, to encourage transport from areas in surplus to those with demand.

Strawburning: You'd think Farmers and Friends of the Earth, 177 City Road, London EC1, £1.95.

# Kidney illness confirmed in girl aged 7

From Arthur Osama, Birmingham

A girl aged seven from West Bromwich was confirmed yesterday as having haemolytic uraemic syndrome, a condition affecting the kidneys and blood, which has caused three deaths in the past six weeks.

The girl, who was not identified, is in Sandwell District General Hospital, and an official of the regional health authority said her condition was not causing anxiety. She was admitted to hospital on Saturday.

She is the nineteenth child to be affected in the general area of the Black Country and the thirtieth case of the infection reported in England this summer. The condition of three of the five children still in hospital is improving, but there is concern for two, particularly for a boy aged two who is in a coma.

# Irish town prepares for Reagan's return to roots

The people of Ballyporeen, President Reagan's ancestral home in Co. Tipperary, are preparing a big Irish welcome for their most famous son.

They are convinced he will visit them this year. They believe he will arrive around October 4, 5 or 6. They have even laid a special tar-mac square in the town park which can easily be converted into a helicopter pad.

An unexpected letter from President Reagan last week was the latest in a series of strange recent developments which have strengthened their belief that a presidential visit is due.

Although he made no mention of a visit Mr Reagan wrote that he was pleased Ballyporeen claimed him as its own. He was doubly pleased to have "ties of blood" with Ireland.

The letter, to Mr John O'Farrell, who resumed his public house "The Ronald Reagan" after the President's inauguration, was delivered by Judge James R. Lawson, of Boston, who was visiting the town with the Massachusetts

Representative, Mr Michael Condon.

The letter was delivered two weeks after four American Secret Service men visited the town, which has a population of 300.

Four weeks earlier Margaret Hickler, US Secretary of Health and Human Services, called in on her way home from a conference in Geneva.

NBC, the US television network, is said to have booked studio time in Dublin for a week in October in the belief that there will be a presidential visit.

One Ballyporeen politician, County Councillor Con Donavan, said: "We will give President Reagan the kind of welcome home which a man of his standing deserves."

The Foreign Affairs Department in Dublin said: "President Reagan has accepted a formal invitation to visit Ireland but when he is coming we do not know."

The US embassy in Dublin said: "We have no reference to a visit. If anything has been planned we would expect to know."

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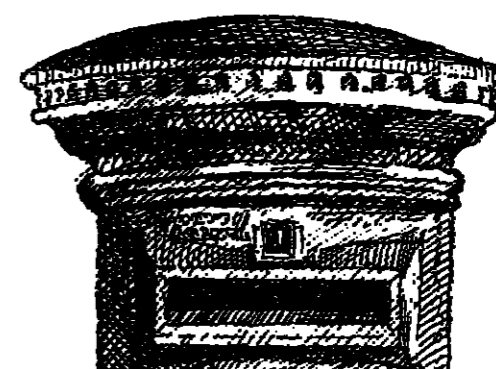
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Limit to working hours

Computer research race

£2.5m given to teach disabled on computers

School disruption widespread, six-year study shows

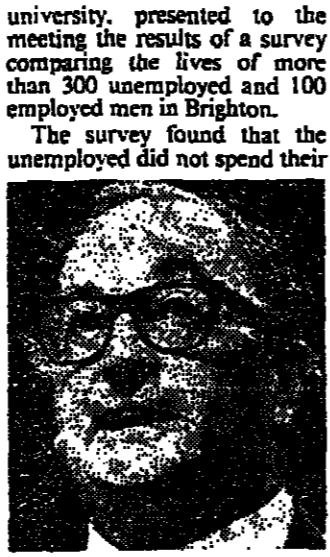


Altruism in the bat family

Even bats can be altruistic, according to Dr P. Harvey, lecturer in biology at Sussex University's School of Biological Sciences.

TUC should push for legal limit on working hours, Jenkins says

The Trades Union Congress should press for legislation to limit the number of hours that any one can work in a lifetime, Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, told the association.



Mr Jenkins: Proposals to the TUC

'Next five years... a period of deep trauma for unions'

He is urging his TUC colleagues to review their attitudes to work and unemployment. The labour movement has "profoundly misread" the general reaction to unemployment, he said.

Mr Jenkins said that he would propose such a policy to the TUC in Blackpool next month because unemployment on the present scale required the force of law to reduce working hours and share out available work.

Seeing stars from telescope in space

Plans for an optical telescope in space which will be more efficient than the largest ground-based observatory were described by Professor M. S. Longair, Astronomer Royal for Scotland and director of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, to the physics section of the association.

Research race is on in advanced computing

Japan's "fifth generation" computer project has spurred the United States Government to devote hundreds of millions of dollars to research in advancing computing.

The government is to spend £2.5m to put computerized learning equipment into the 700 special schools for disabled children, Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of State for Industry, announced yesterday.



Mr Baker: 'Computers motivate children'

Disruption among pupils in schools appears to be rampant and may be much greater than suggested in the media, according to research conducted over the past six years by academics at London University.

It found that although the disruptive behaviour did not take the form of violence or aggression against teachers, it was in a sense more pervasive and undermining, consisting of inattentiveness and an unwillingness or inability to learn in the way teachers wanted.

Youth culture 'will alter'

Big changes in youth culture, its music, clothes and tribal customs, were forecast yesterday as a result of the relative poverty of today's young people compared with their affluent predecessors in the 1960's.



Mr MacLure: Forecasts profound changes

Farmland 'not disappearing'

The common view that British farmland is disappearing fast under a web of urban development is completely wrong, Professor Robin Best of the University of London told the agriculture section.

Graphic account of Manila murder

'I saw guards shoot Aquino in head'



Mr Wakamiya: 'They pulled out handguns and shot...'

A Japanese freelance journalist, who claims to have witnessed the shooting of the Philippine opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, alleges that the fatal shot was fired by one of the military guards who escorted the politician from the aircraft after landing in Manila on Sunday.

As he descended, the two officers suddenly pulled out small handguns - I think they were .45s. Mr Aquino was wearing a bulletproof vest, though. They suddenly pulled out handguns.



Family tragedy: Kristina Aquino, aged 12, weeping on the shoulder of her sister Maria Elena, aged 27, in Boston on their way to Manila for the funeral of her father.

Government denied the Japanese reports (Reuters and AFP report). A spokesman said that press conference remarks by President Ferdinand Marcos "should be interpreted as an outright denial of the allegations that Aquino was shot by military men."

Gdansk workers ignore union go-slow demand

Gdansk (Reuters) - A worker's go-slow called by a secret committee at the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk appeared to have drawn only a negligible response yesterday.

Australia to double deficit

Canberra (Reuters) - Australia expects a record budget deficit \$Aus 8.26bn (£4.8bn) up to June 30 next year, against the 1982-83 deficit of \$Aus 4.47bn, the Treasurer, Mr Paul Keating, told Parliament yesterday.

Warlord's heroin base seized

From Neil Kelly Bangkok Thai forces have captured an important base controlled by Khun Sa, the opium warlord, close to the border with Burma.

Seoul warns against disruption

Seoul (AFP) - President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea said yesterday that the peaceful transfer of power was vital to South Korea's democratization. He again made it clear that he would step down when his term ended in 1988.

Five parties tell Pinochet to resign

Santiago (Reuters) - The leaders of five Chilean political parties, have given a warning of a social explosion with unpredictable consequences, and called for the resignation of President Augusto Pinochet and a return to democracy within 18 months.

Evren hits back at his critics

From Rasit Gurdilek Ankara President Kenan Evren of Turkey yesterday attacked critics of his handling of the country's planned return to civilian rule.

EEC differences widen on farm budget

Brussels (Reuters) - Wide differences emerged today in the European Community over a plan to cut farm spending. The conflicting national views were emphasized in a report by the Council of Ministers secretary, which was debated at a meeting of ministers and senior officials.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Barry Manilow arrived in England yesterday. Two women are ready for him

St Barry's disciples

"A bumper helping of Manilow to you all..." Have a very Barry Christmas... The 17,000 members of the BMIFC (Barry Manilow International Fan Club) UK have their own special quarterly magazine called, Pretzels...



Mollie, left, and Lynn: not completely fulfilled by motherhood

"He's a very special person," Lynn said. "It's going to sound really corny to say that sometimes someone comes along who has that extra special charisma, but that's what Barry is. I think he should be called Saint Barry, don't you?"

ing one at the Blackpool Pottins where the fans played Barry Bingo. "The prizes were all something to do with Barry, like a Barry T-shirt, and the numbers were matched to his songs like 'Forty-four, Break down the Door'."

of the 60,000 fans attending will be coming from as far away as Scotland. For such strenuous efforts, Arista and the fan club presented Mollie and Lynn with Barry Awards. "For Bringing Barry closer to us."

why he is so marvellous. "I'll try and explain it to you in the same way that I explained it to Barry," she said. "You see, what people love first about Barry is the music. Then they learn to love the man. His sex appeal is part of that love. With a sex symbol, you think the man is sexy and that's it - it's not a lasting thing. With Barry, it's something so wonderful that his fans need to communicate their feelings to each other. Every weekend, somewhere in this country, you'll find a group of Barry's fans meeting together."

Cleaning up the house... and the dirty phone calls

FIRST PERSON Beryl Hugill

The sunlit, honeysuckle-bowered Chelsea patio was littered with the leavings of the previous night's meal - green pasta lay congealed in a bright pink tomato sauce. Mounds of washing-up formed a greasy mountain in the kitchen: the hob swam in oil; brimming ashtrays, damp towels and dirty clothes made a trail from bedrooms to bathrooms and, not to put too fine a point on it, the khaki carpets in the hall and dining-room were coloured with the glistening droppings from two fluffy, cat-sized Maltese terriers.

owner of the Chelsea house who wanted me to help her with moving home, housework and the care of her seven-year-old son for a few weeks until a full-time nanny could be found.

If you thought that I had become some born-again slut in this bjuou residence just round the corner from a certain person's home in Flood Street you would be wrong. The certain person would have been pleased to discover that I had priced myself into a new career and that the chaos that greeted me that hot morning was my task as a char to clear up.

So there I was, with cheerful Charlie from Sidcup, the builder and decorator, to keep me company. Charlie liked to play Radio 2 for background noise and he kept up an amusing and constant conversation with it. I supplied him with cups of tea, but not before I had settled my queasiness at the sight of the morning filth by clearing the kitchen and patio, and completed the first stage of shovelling up the eliminations of the household pets.

The venture had begun six months after my husband's sudden death and my failure to persuade potential employers that I was a dab hand as a press officer and journalist. Nine years out of full-time employment caring for my two sons meant that I was not greeted with alacrity at job interviews. There was nothing else for it - if I were to find the extra loot to pay the bills and to make life bearable by affording a bottle of wine to share among friends, I would become a Mrs Mopp.

He expected me to bring him food on a tray

What I thought was a carefully worded advertisement was placed in my local paper. It brought a mixed crop of responses. I had made the mistake, I think, of describing myself as energetic, and got one half-hearted attempt at a dirty telephone call - did I do anything else (other than the light housework and child-minding which I had offered?) asked the male voice at the end of the telephone. I inquired what he had in mind and quickly added that I could cook. The gentleman wished me luck and rang off.

Bed-making and cleaning the floors usually took me to one and two o'clock when I would hang out the washing and face a pile of ironing until it was time to fetch the other household pet from school. Among a gathering of fashionable Chelsea mums and a sprinkling of au pairs, I waited at the tiny local primary school for my charge. He was obviously used to having his own way over everything, for despite my admittedly mild protestations, his favourite diet on arrival home seemed to be several dishes of ice-cream and jelly if available.

If, later on, he required a meal, he would shout down from the master bedroom where he was settled watching television and expect me to bring food up the stairs on a tray, old-style servant fashion. My attempts to entertain him included two visits to the swimming baths; and a game of ball in the street which brought a threat from an elderly neighbour to fetch the police.

Parents arrived back from their money-making at around six o'clock and I was free to go home and begin my own round of cooking, cleaning and washing, enlivened by occasional writing of job applications or, more enjoyably, by friends visiting for a meal. By 11, I was ready for bed with that healthy tiredness that comes from physical effort.

One day, a rather dreamy, plump girl from the Welsh border country arrived at the Chelsea house two hours early for her interview for the job of nanny. As I ploughed through the ironing, she made me a cup of tea and told me how she had a degree in English and was looking for work while she waited to react the age when she would be eligible for a mature student's grant and could start a course in teaching.

I saw her briefly only once more. She turned up in the afternoon of her first day having been, she said, to the National Gallery, while I had collected her new charge from school. But, in fact, she had been successfully looking for drugs and by six o'clock in the evening was what is known as "stoned". The search for a nanny began anew.

The same week a young West Indian girl, not long out of school, was employed. She had been hoping to work with mentally handicapped children, but failing that, had found this new job through a previous employer. She was gentle and somewhat shy, so I did not fancy her chances with the wilful seven-year-old - but it did mean my own stint of housework and child-minding was over until I found other work.

As a way of life, charring can be rather solitary. But I did relish the feeling of fitness and energy it gave me: I even lost a few pounds in weight although that may have been more to do with the heatwave. The work is not, however, well remunerated.

Either way, if any reader of The Times thinks I have the makings of a superior femme de ménage and would be just the person to beautify a home, my experience has taught me to lay down certain conditions of service: no children under the age of 18 and, definitely, very definitely, no animals who have not been trained to control their toilet habits. Where next? Perhaps Flood Street...

Advertisement for Gardner Merchant catering services. It features a large graphic with a checkmark and the text 'SELF CATERING' and 'GARDNER MERCHANT'. Below the graphic is a coupon for requesting services. The coupon includes fields for Name, Position, Company, Address, Postcode, Tel, and No. of Employees. It also lists various services such as Catering Management, Consultancy, Vending, The Directors Table, Design Planning & Equipment Supply, and Tuck Shoppe. The Gardner Merchant logo is at the bottom right.

TALKBACK

The young victims

From Mrs Ann Mitchell, Department of Social Administration, University of Edinburgh. In her picture of a group of fathers denied access to their children (Friday Page, August 5) Helen Mason makes no mention of the children's feelings. As a researcher into children's own experiences of separation and divorce I have found that many children lose touch with their non-custodial parent (whether father or mother) because neither parent makes an effort to help the child keep in touch.

Social factor

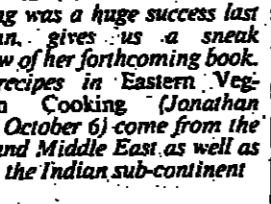
From Kim Stallwood, British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, Charing Cross Road, London WC2. John Skoyles is right to be concerned about the horrors which filled Victorian and Edwardian hospitals (Wednesday Page, August 17). But he misses the point. Our health has not improved this century because of animal experiments, but despite them.



Joanna Lumley is on holiday in Kashmir

The art of Asian vegetables

This week, and for the next three, guest cooks will be writing for this space. Madhur Jaffrey, whose television series on Indian cooking was a huge success last autumn, gives us a sneak preview of her forthcoming book. The recipes in Eastern Vegetarian Cooking (Jonathan Cape, October 6) come from the near and Middle East as well as from the Indian sub-continent



Madhur Jaffrey

If there is an haute cuisine of vegetarian foods, it exists today only in Asia. A restaurant I know in Kyoto, Japan, serves the most delicate savoury custards in tall covered cups. Imbedded inside, the barely jelled gold, one may find a piece of wild mushroom or slivers of lemon rind and spinach. In Hyderabad, India, I have had tiny aubergines stuffed with a heavy mixture of ground sesame seeds, tart tamarind pulp and an assortment of hot and sweet seasonings.

Vegetarian food in Asia is as good as it is because communities such as the Hindus, Buddhists and Jains have been honing it and improving it for at least a thousand years. Theoretically, the emphasis among these groups has been on non-violence, piety and health. In actuality, what these vegetarians have been doing is to make their food so irresistibly delicious that nobody can keep their hands off it.

may be used to make vegetable pakoris - flowerets of cauliflower, slices of aubergine, slices of peeled potato or sweet potato, onion rings, green beans, slices of green pepper, and even fiery hot red peppers. Pakoris should be eaten while they are hot and crisp or else they turn soggy.

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LOOK WHO'S TALKING

One of the ambitions of the incoming Conservative Government in 1979 was to cut the trade unions down to size...

The other part of the process was to fend off disruptive trade union militancy on the shop floor...

GDANSK THREE YEARS ON

The efforts of the banned trade union Solidarity to mark the third anniversary of the Gdansk accords...

merely proves that the regime's earlier claim that he was a "has-been" is as unfounded as its present allegations...

PAKISTAN'S PATCHWORK OPPOSITION

Ever since the country was prised from British-ruled India, Pakistan has been hampered by internal quarrels...

Now the quarrels are erupting again with protests against martial law, sometimes in peaceful civil disobedience...

obviously, be welcomed without reservation. Even when cut down, however, the size of the trade union interest remains pretty big...

When Mr Tebbit met Mr Murray and his colleagues last week to discuss certain strictly practical questions about the Youth Training Scheme...

It is not a question of reviving a shadow council of state where trade union dignitaries may sound off on anything from relations with Chile...

While the "sober-minded" clergy were prepared to cooperate with the government, others made "virulent anti-socialist sermons" and promoted conflict with the authorities...

possibilities of a solution for Afghanistan. This has increased his stature, though also his feeling that he cannot relinquish his power...

Despite such progress that will be directly beneficial to Pakistan's stability, internal discontent may now be growing again...

To some extent the Russian move into Afghanistan in December, 1979, changed the scenery of Pakistan's politics...

Unruffled harmony in managing affairs of state is not to be expected; but neither is unnecessary discord to be welcomed...

Society stands poised to receive the full impact of micro-electronic technology, which does not merely yield new products for new uses...

Incidentally, we are not "wasting resources" acquiring an Atlantic capability. If you wish us to concentrate on the defence of the Baltic and North Sea...

As far as the German contribution to Western defence is concerned the Federal Republic of Germany is taking its full share. It makes available to Nato well trained and well equipped armed forces of 495,000 servicemen and 700,000 reservists...

Both are used by the doctor, albeit unconsciously, as barriers between himself and his patient and get in the way of listening at two levels - ie, what the patient is actually saying...

Those of us who work in the art world know that the tragic threat to a great house, complete with its collections, as Belton is, is a constantly recurring danger...

These increasing dangers can largely be traced to the continuing refusal of governments to consider again the problems of death duties, VAT and other financial blights...

If the Prime Minister's pride in the loan of the Cust silver is as great as the family's pride in that loan, then he should apply herself directly to considering how her Government can immediately stem the rising tide of country house sales...

terms that had never been obtained for a candidates' semifinal match, and the UAE had made the only offer conforming with Fide (Fédération Internationale des Echecs) regulations...

German role in forward defence

From the Defence Attaché of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Sir, Your leader of August 17 expresses a view on forward defence which I cannot share. Forward defence is an essential element of Nato's time-tested strategy...

Forward defence demonstrates the solidarity of the Alliance and serves the vital security interests of all Nato members. I believe this is why all British Governments, quite apart from obligations under the WEU treaty...

You rightly point out that the security of the United Kingdom ultimately depends on the strength of Nato's central front. Withdrawing BAOR from forward defence would decisively weaken this cornerstone of common security...

As far as the German contribution to Western defence is concerned the Federal Republic of Germany is taking its full share. It makes available to Nato well trained and well equipped armed forces of 495,000 servicemen and 700,000 reservists...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Body and mind

From Dr J. W. Poulley

Sir, The Headmaster of Giggleswick School (August 12) is right to be critical of the selection procedure to medical schools which favours convergent thinkers...

I agree with Professor Campbell (August 12) that the dangers of this retreat from orthodoxy are great, both in terms of missed diagnoses, mismanagement, and unscrupulous financial exploitation...

Both are used by the doctor, albeit unconsciously, as barriers between himself and his patient and get in the way of listening at two levels - ie, what the patient is actually saying...

Belton House sale

From Mr Stephen Jones

Sir, Mr Hoos's concern (August 18) for his family's house, Belton, is admirable on both a personal and a public level. The resolution of the dilemma facing Lord Browlow is obviously a family matter...

If the Prime Minister's pride in the loan of the Cust silver is as great as the family's pride in that loan, then he should apply herself directly to considering how her Government can immediately stem the rising tide of country house sales...

terms that had never been obtained for a candidates' semifinal match, and the UAE had made the only offer conforming with Fide (Fédération Internationale des Echecs) regulations...

Dilemmas facing the planners

From Professor Gordon E. Cherry

Sir, Mr Michael Cross (August 17) in commenting on your leader of August 8, calls for policy analysis to identify new options in strategic land planning...

We have had periods in the past when coherent plans of economic and social purpose, reflected in "broad brush" master plans, carried a consensus of professional, political and community support...

It is not easy to say whether we are making a mess of things or not. A consistently applied land planning strategy, with clear statements as to what development is to be permitted, where, and when, may be impressive to a tidy mind...

The Soviet challenge

From Mr J. C. Greig

Sir, As a constituent and supporter of Matthew Parris I was rather puzzled by his letter of August 20. If he is saying that the effect on the victim would be the same whether he was shot by a British bullet in 1883 or a Soviet bullet in 1983 he is right...

Almost without exception the old British Empire countries are proud of their British connection and maintain voluntary links with their erstwhile rulers. I am afraid that none of us will live long enough to see if the same situation applies to ex-Soviet controlled countries - if there will ever be such a thing...

CDC in Philippines

From Mr Tom Clarke, MP for Monklands West (Labour)

Sir, Several times since I was elected to Parliament in June of last year I have tried to focus the Government's attention on human rights in the Philippines...

Indeed, in my adjournment debate in January, Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development (in his first speech) has given an excellent opportunity to defend ordinary standards of human decency; instead, he displayed appalling complacency...

Cold front

From Mr D. P. S. Graham

Sir, In common with The Times and a few other "responsible" newspapers, Independent Television shows charts of weather expected each day in every area of our small islands. When the BBC's excellent symbols for predicted sunshine, rain, temperature and pollen counts are suspended over the same regions...

Chatsworth drawings

From Professor Michael Kitson

Sir, You report (August 17) that the Duke of Devonshire's Fide (Fédération Internationale des Echecs) drawings from Chatsworth direct to the British Museum to prevent them going abroad. Both the Duke and the Museum are to be congratulated...

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Sir, I was away on holiday in Wales when Mr Yorke wrote whatever he did in the absence of punctuation on signs and I am sorry I missed his letter (August 9). Literacy, particularly public literacy, is a subject dear to my heart...

Whilst away I encountered, as I have done occasionally before, that irritating sign "Road liable to flooding". Surely this, Sir, is an example of public illiteracy? "Road liable to be flooded", "Road prone to flooding", would all be acceptable...

I need hardly add that there was no water visible anywhere and "Road liable to melting" would have been more appropriate. Yours faithfully, G. A. K. ROBINSON, Penlandra, 18 Royal Park, Clifton, Bristol.

Missing the point

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Sighting the mole

From Mr Ray Edwards

Sir, With its history of problems associated with the activities of the politically motivated British Leyland was bound to be extremely sensitive to any development that took their industrial relations back to the pre-Edwards era...

Over many years as a leading national negotiator for BL staff I witnessed the difficulties of the management and union officials as they regained control of the chaotic industrial relations in the company. I rather doubt if anyone in BL - employees, unions, or management - regrets the departure of the "mole"...

Saving youth hostels

From Mr James W. Godfrey

Sir, I endorse Councillor Freddy's letter (August 19) regarding the survival of youth hostels. As a keen senior life member I am extremely concerned about their future...

One aspect that might assist in the dropping of the VAT charge on a great number of hostels. Another aspect might be financial assistance from the local authority in whose domain the ailing hostel is situated. This has sometimes happened in times past. My experience is that members from the very active federations of Vangelia, Canada, Spain, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United States and Malaysia and included among them the deputy presidents for Europe and for Asia impressed the Soviet Chess Federation not a whit...

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Duke of Edinburgh is to be the first patron of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. W. Partridge and Miss E. F. Blackmore. The engagement is announced between Bill, only son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Partridge...

Mr A. T. Leisk and Miss E. S. Staples. The engagement is announced between Alexander Thomas, son of Mr John Leisk...

Mr A. M. Peppatt and Miss S. D. E. Kendall. The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roy Peppatt...

Mr J. R. C. Perkins and Miss C. M. St. Aubyn-Sayer. The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs R. M. Perkins...

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Tower Bridge and tenement take awards

Tower Bridge, London, and a Glasgow tenement are among five historic buildings to receive the British Tourist Authority's heritage awards...

Other awards go to Bodysgallan, an historic house converted into a hotel near Llandudno, North Wales...

Conservationists have secured a last-minute reprieve for a notable Victorian church in Bristol which was already in the hands of demolition contractors...

Commemorative service

The Royal Assent to the Emancipation Bill, given on August 28, 1833, will be commemorated in Westminster Abbey...

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Dr Walter Bodmer, FRSc, to be a trustee of the British Museum (Natural History)...

University news

Oxford Professor Keith William Morton, MA (Oxford), PhD (New York), professor of applied mathematics at Reading University...

Reprieve for Victorian church

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

Conservationists have secured a last-minute reprieve for a notable Victorian church in Bristol which was already in the hands of demolition contractors...

Save, the organization concerned with the survival of the nation's architectural heritage, had talks with the trustees of the United Reformed Church...

Save says it would support the removal of that anomaly. Without commenting on the Bristol case, the Rev Bernard Thorogood, general secretary of the United Reformed Church...

He envisaged a system to preserve redundant free church buildings which would be funded partly by Government, partly by the local community...

Archaeology

Welsh cave yields another secret

Further early human remains have been found at a cave in Wales, where last year parts of two Neanderthal children were discovered...

Birthdays today

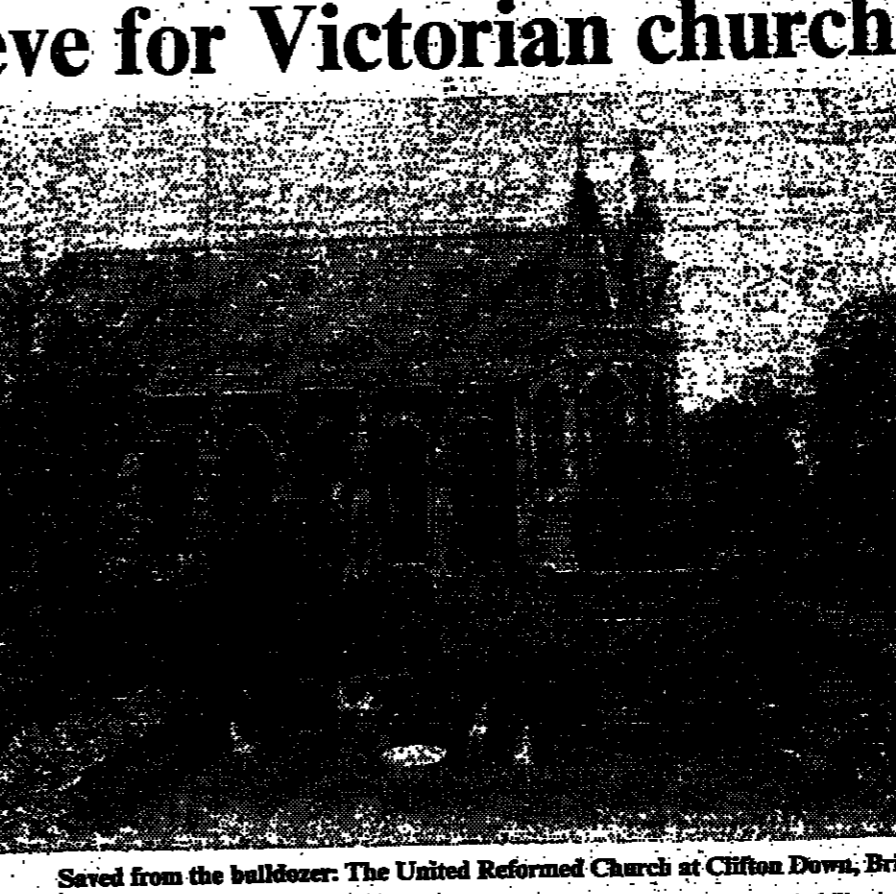
Lord Ashby, 79; Mr Paul Barber, 48; Mr Carlo Curley, 31; Sir Michael Franklin, 56...

Reception

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University news

Oxford class list: Lindsey Shaw, of St Edmund Hall, Oxford, formerly of Mackle Academy, Stonehaven...



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Captain Kenneth Snow (right), the new commanding officer of HMS Hermes, with Rear-Admiral Dick Fitch (second right) and Admiral Derek Reffell (left), who becomes Flag Officer Naval Air Command...

BBC launches new season on wave of culture and comedy

Roger Daltry, the rock star, in The Beggar's Opera, Lenny Henry, the black comedian, in The Goffin, including the two feature films plus additional footage...

Science report

Changing the story of Samson and Delilah

Medical research scientists believe they are close to unravelling the causes of a group of illnesses which have long baffled doctors. The disorders are those which occur when the body's defence mechanism goes wrong...

TV-am joins the establishment

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OBITUARY MR WILLIAM TAMPLIN Versatile aircraft designer

Mr W. A. Tamplin OBE, an aircraft designer who made significant contributions during the volatile wartime and post war years, died on August 15. He was 80.

Tamplin trained as a naval architect at Royal, in Fife, before entering the aircraft industry. He worked in several companies, including Blackburn Aircraft and Handley Page...

During the Second World War Tamplin was put in charge of the DLR3 Mosquito wing design, and was later responsible for the design of a large number of Mosquito developments...

After the war he was responsible for the structural design of the DH106 Comet wing, and in 1951 he took over the design of the DH114 Heron light transport aircraft.

Later in 1951 he was appointed to the airspeed division of De Havilland as chief designer. In the following years he was responsible for work on a large number of DH military types and projects...

He survived by his wife and two daughters.

DR F. H. KROCH

Dr Falk Heinz Kroch, CBE, who died in London August 22, was the founder of Lankro Chemicals Ltd and its chairman from 1937 to 1971.

He was born in Berlin in 1904 and, after education at Freiburg and Berlin universities, went into the chemicals industry. In 1937 he left Germany as a refugee from Nazism and came to Britain.

Much of his activity was devoted to producing chemicals for the leather trade, and in 1966-67 Kroch was president of the Society of Leather Technologists. He also gave help to the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He was appointed CBE in 1973.

MR L. C. WILCHER

A correspondent writes: Lewis Wilcher whose death was widely noted on July 16, succeeded John Tothill as Principal of the Gordon Memorial College, Khartoum in 1947, and guided the institution through its growth to become first the University College of Khartoum and later the University of Khartoum when Sudan attained independence.

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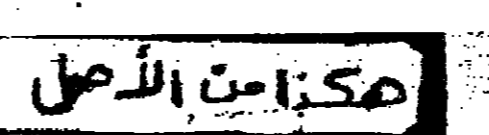
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MARKET REPORT

Tax fears cancel gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

"We do not want to let the jobbers know what we are doing."

The jobbers were also caught short by the easier opening of Wall Street when American investors began selling some of the British stock they have been so regularly buying.

The worst affected was Glaxo where the price was severely cut by 65p to 800p in an attempt to curb American sales. Dealers suggested that jobbers had been caught short on their arbitrage positions, expecting American demand to continue taking US holdings over the 20 per cent level, and could not handle the volume of sales that materialized.

ICI, where US investors hold more than 8 per cent of the equity was similarly struck with a loss of 18p at 522p, by the close.

That reaction triggered nervousness in other leading blue chips where falls of up to 15p were registered.

Construction company Bisc Construction resisted the trend by rising 9p to 453p ahead of tomorrow's interim figures. Despite reporting slightly better-than-expected figures yesterday, Taylor Woodrow still

acquire London Brick if it does not go ahead with its own bid for Heston Colliery.

Video company Electronic Rentals held its 69p peak after some hefty purchases of the shares on Monday. Conglomerate BET - the old British Electric Tractor - has been a big buyer of the Electronic shares, Mr Nicholas Wills, managing director, confirmed. He, however, refused to disclose the quantity saying: "Obviously we have not reached 5 per cent otherwise we would have declared it."

Mr Wills also confirmed the company's intention to sell its 5 per cent stake in the North Sea Minerals oil field. Analysts' suggestions that BET was expecting around £45m were nowhere near the real price," he said.

Mr Wills said that BET, despite the massive increase in funding for its own video hire operation, would not be bidding for Electronic Rentals. But he

said that BET was on the takeover trail, both in Britain and the United States, adding that he expected the video hire business to begin contributing substantial profit next year.

A deterrent to any bid for Electronic is the 25.27 per cent stake held by Philips Electronics, the British subsidiary of the Dutch Philips Lamps Holding.

On the bid front Pritchard Services dipped 8p to 138p following the profit figures and rights issue to finance the purchase of troubled cleaning group Spring Group, down 2 1/2p. BFCC attracted demand at 110p, up 4p, as a substantial holding in John Waddington is expected to be announced today.

Bellair dipped another 70p to 500p on the lack of any information from Wasskon Establishment. Wasskon lawyers say they are now working on an offer document for Harold Ingram, suspended at 300p, which will be posted shortly. Hopefully Wasskon will disclose information about itself and its intentions in the document.

Wayne Lintott

The stock market was knocked back sharply yesterday. Traders had been nervously awaiting a downward reaction to the last 10 days of consistent strength and the slightest suggestion that the Government might introduce tax increases next year was enough to trigger widespread profit-taking.

Adding to the nervousness was speculation that London Investment Trust has liquidated the investment portfolio of recently-acquired British Industries and General Investment Trust. The offer went unconditional on Monday and the offer document did specify that the trust would be liquidated in "due course".

These two factors helped to push the FT 30 index down 16.4 by the close to 724, which effectively wiped out the gains of the last 10 days.

The market may have exaggerated the effect of the investment trust liquidation, according to the London Investment Trust chairman Mr John Arthur who added that the portfolio was worth only around £12m. He refused to confirm if the liquidation had taken place yesterday saying:

Hunting Gate logo with 'More than builders' slogan and phone number 0462 4444.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Table showing Miscellaneous items and their prices.

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Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 724.0 down 16.4 FT 100 Index 79.67 down 0.15 FT All Shares 459.07 down 6.80

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5290 unchanged Index 85.7 down 0.1 DM 4.0250 down 0.0025

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates Bank base rate 9 1/2 Finance houses base rate 10 Discount market loans week fixed 9 1/2-9 1/4

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce) am \$426.75 pm \$426.40 close \$425.25-426 up \$0.75

TODAY

Interim: Bagnon Industries, Charterhouse Petroleum, Derek Crouch, International Thomson Organisation, London Brick, Novc Industri, Pearl Assurance, Queens Most Houses, Rotork, Slough Estates, Tilley International.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Artington Motor Holdings, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, EC2 (noon) Philip Harris (Holdings), Perris Hall Hotel, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, W Midlands (noon)

NOTEBOOK

De Beers disappointed the market yesterday by announcing unchanged interim profits of Rand 257m (£138m). Sales on the diamond account rose by almost a half to R159m, but earnings from associated companies were lower and the tax charge was higher.

London Brick is expected to decide today whether to make a new takeover bid for Istock. The company was given clearance by Monopolies and Mergers Commission to renew its bid last week, but it says doubts in the City that it would go ahead by describing Istock as looking "expensive".

We have nothing to fear, says Lonrho director Parkinson orders inquiry into share ownership at House of Fraser

The Government last night launched an investigation into whether House of Fraser shareholders have been making secret agreements between themselves on how to vote with their holdings.

Lonrho is at present locked in a legal battle with the House of Fraser. It has issued a writ demanding to see the proxy papers and voting forms cast on the demerger votes.

Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director who also acts as one of its two representatives on the House of Fraser board, said last night: "We have nothing to fear from this investigation. It is a pity it has happened because its another confusion for the long-suffering shareholder."

Mr Thomas Ferguson, Gull's London representative, commented on the sale. He said: "We thought we would take advantage of Lonrho's buoyant price. It is also part of a general strategy."

Kuwaitis cut Lonrho holding

Gulf Fisheries (Overseas) one of the investment vehicles of Sheikh Nasser al Sabah of Kuwait, yesterday sold 7 million shares in Lonrho. It is believed that the new block went to one buyer at a price close to yesterday's 189p close.

Two Gulf representatives departed. Since then the company has been critical of Lonrho's financial performance. In 1982 it sold \$8 million Lonrho shares to which it had rights under a Lonrho new share issue.

Whitehall spending fear hits market

The Stock market fell back sharply yesterday, effectively wiping out all the gains registered over the last 10 days when several peaks were reached.

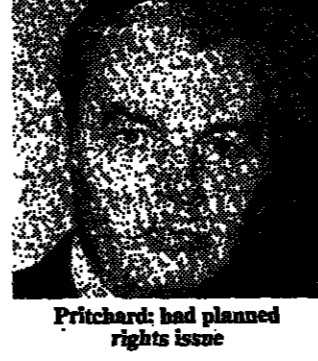
The dollar opened sharply lower at DM 2.6180 but it recovered ground on profit-taking later in the day and closed at DM 2.6332.

Maxwell to claim 45% acceptances

British Printing & Communications Corporation was light night believed to have won control of 45 per cent of John Waddington's shares at the first closing date of its £18m bid for the Monopoly games company.

Pritchard in agreed Spring Grove bid

Pritchard Services Group Half-year to 3.7.83 Pretax profit £4.8m (24m) Statutory profit 3.32p (2.9p) Turnover £140.5m (£129.9m) Net interest dividend 1p (0.9p) Share price 138p down 5p. Yield 3.1%



Pritchard had planned rights issue

Its acquisition by Pritchard, a big London based hospital management and office cleaning group, would add about £14m of borrowings to Pritchard's already heavily borrowed balance sheet.

Share losses widen

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks slowly widened their losses in quiet trading yesterday.

7/8, at 42 1/2; Diebold down 3 1/4 to 82 1/2; General Dynamics off 7 1/8 at 49 3/8; American Cyanamid up 1/4 at 54 1/2; and Burlington Northern up 1/8 at 86 3/8.

Murdoch raises stake in Reuters

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has further increased its indirect stake in Reuters, the booming but unquoted financial information service, which stockbrokers believe would be worth £1b on the Stock Exchange.

will separate its stake in Reuters from its operational news service, now formed into a new company in which News Corporation will hold 15 per cent.

Call for parity with Continent BSC wants dock charges cut

The British Steel Corporation is urging the Government and port authorities to reduce UK port charges by 60 per cent to bring them into line with those enjoyed by overseas competitors.

Until now the BSC's pleas for fairer charges for services including navigation lights, pilotage and similar port dues have fallen on deaf ears.

For every 18 old shares of DM 50, shareholders may obtain one new share of DM 50 at a price of DM 135 free of stock exchange turnover tax.

City Editor's Comment

A chance to solve age old problems

An issue as important as pensions, which has far-reaching implications for the economy, for society and for the individual, should not be allowed to fall victim to vested interests.

The Occupational Pensions Board has come up with an authoritative analysis and recommendations on the problems of job-changers (admittedly only one of the difficulties associated with pensions).

Appreciating oil assets

The mammoth Deloitte's report on British Gas Corporation's efficiency published yesterday will keep the politicians happy for weeks with its trenchant views on gas prices.

The operating profit for the three previous years was (working backwards) £70.2m, £56.5m, and £46.9m, confirming what a nicely profitable business oil has been.

But who among this gaggle of professionals dedicated to protecting their own interests, is to speak for the pension fund members? Few groups of professionals are more vocal, more incomprehensible or more at odds with each other than those who earn their living from the pensions industry.

Buried away in the heart of the report is a table showing that BSC's oil assets made a net operating profit last year of £56.9m on total income of £119m.

How will the ordinary member of a pension scheme, the job-changer, the early retiree, the pensioner in retirement and those made compulsorily redundant, be heard above the buying of this articulate pack of hounds, all anxious to make sure that they are in at the kill?

There is no national organization representing job-changers or those made redundant. While the insurance companies which market self-employed pension schemes will no doubt make a good job of protecting the interests of this sector, there is little mileage for a pension consultant in the oil sector.

A copy of this document (certified by the acting Chairman and two members of the Executive Board as having been approved by resolution of the Executive Board) has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration.

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With the consent of the Supervisory Board, the Executive Board of our company has decided to make use of the authority (authorised capital) permitted by the Articles of Association to increase the share capital by DM 115,000,000 to DM 2,171,482,200 by the issue of new bearer shares with full entitlement to dividends in respect of the year ending 31st December 1983.

After the execution of the capital increase has been entered in the Commercial Register, we request our shareholders to avoid exclusion from exercising their subscription right by presenting dividend coupon no. 40 of the old shares at an agency for the receipt of applications during normal working hours on the days of 5th - 19th September 1983 inclusive.

- West Germany Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Deutsche Bank Berlin Aktiengesellschaft, Bankhaus H. Aufhäuser, Baden-Württembergische Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Badische Kommunale Landesbank - Girozentrale - Bank für Handel und Industrie Aktiengesellschaft, Bayerische Hypotheken- und Wechsel-Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale, Bayerische Vereinsbank Aktiengesellschaft, Bawag Aktiengesellschaft, Berliner Handels- und Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, Delbrück & Co., Deutsche Länderbank Aktiengesellschaft, DG Bank Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank, Dresdner Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Hamburgische Landesbank - Girozentrale - Georg Haack & Sohn Bankiers KGaA, Hessische Landesbank - Girozentrale - Landesbank Rheinland-Pfalz - Girozentrale -

The subscription rights (security reference no. 515108) will be traded and officially quoted on all German stock exchanges between 5th - 15th September 1983 inclusive. The agencies for the receipt of applications are prepared to arrange the buying and selling of subscription rights in accordance with the rules of the stock exchange.

The option prices of DM 117.60 for each 1.05 BASF shares from the exercising of options from the bond certificates of the 8 1/2% DM bonds with warrants attached of 1974/1986 of BASF Aktiengesellschaft, as well as the DM 133 for each one BASF share from the bond certificates of the 11% USS bonds with warrants attached of 1982/1988 of BASF Overseas N.V., remain unchanged, since according to the conditions of the warrants a reduction only occurs when the issue price of the new shares is below that of the option price.

Ludwigshafen, August 23rd 1983 The Executive Board BASF Aktiengesellschaft D-6700 Ludwigshafen



Taylor Woodrow hit by dividend tussle

By John Lawless

The most exciting thing about yesterday's half-time results from Taylor Woodrow was the little pantomime tussle that developed over the share price. The petulant pixies...

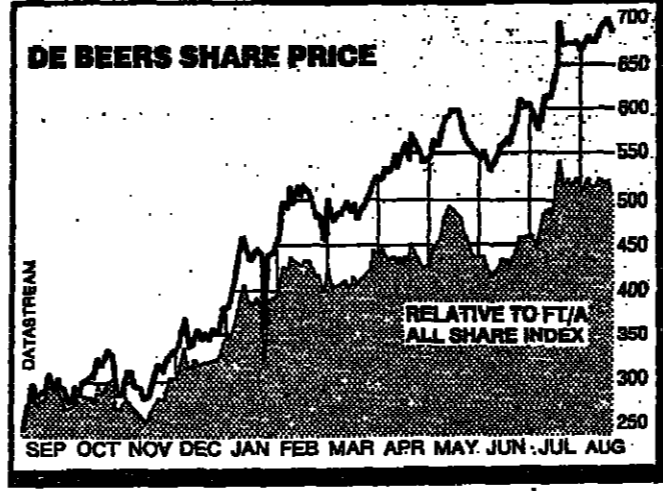
Taylor Woodrow Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £11.62m (£9.54m)

Recession hit Australia is making analysts nervous about companies with a heavy involvement there. But Mr Puttick reports only that contracting in Western Australia is 'flat'...

De Beers problems far from over

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Michael Prest

DE BEERS Half-year to 30.6.83 Half-year to 30.6.83 Net profit £275m (£258m)



DE BEERS SHARE PRICE RELATIVE TO FT/A ALL SHARE INDEX

After the trials and tribulations through which De Beers has passed, maintaining profits at last year's level may not seem so bad. But the contrast between the profits on the diamond account...

To some extent, the next figure is deceptive because of the increase in taxation from £37.5m to £65.2m partly reflecting the slowdown in capital expenditure. De Beers has virtually completed the programme which has taken installed capacity from 10.5 million carats a year to 19 million carats since 1976.

Hongkong Standard Chartered Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £116.2m (£100.9m)

The property crash in Hongkong has taken its toll on both Standard Chartered and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in the first half of 1983.

improvement in the second half which takes in the historically better summer months. Overall profits were sharply ahead both in Britain and overseas. British results benefited from the absence of the security company's losses after its disposal last year.

Stoddard cuts loss in second half

By Our Financial Staff

Stoddard Holdings P.L.C. Year to 31.3.1983 Pretax loss £1.14m (£2.25m loss) Turnover £32.8m (£35m)

Mr Hay appointed in January with a three-year timetable of reforms for the ailing company, was nominated by the Scottish Development Agency. The agency took a 15 per cent stake in the company which is still controlled by the McLean family...

Rentokil recovers in US

By Jonathan Clare

Rentokil's American business is breaking even after two years of effort by its new management to stem losses and point it in the right direction in that midst of the US recession.

Shareholders should consider excluding associates rose by 12.7 cents to 40.7 cents, and earnings including the associates fell slightly from 70.3 cents to 66.7 cents.

industry are substantial and only recoverable if the expertise of the company's geologists is proved.

London and Scottish Marine Oil (Lasmo) is such a company. It derives its income from the oil it sells from the wells that it, and its consortium partners, drill and bring into production.

Lasmo London and Scottish Marine Oil Half-year to 30.6.1983 Pretax profit £5.7m (£5.2m)

Oil companies involved in the exploration business inevitably have exploration costs. These by the nature of the

US crime pays for Hawley

By Our Financial Staff

Electro-Protective Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit \$3.4m (\$51.9m)

Analysts had hoped for a bigger contribution from the new acquisitions in the first half, and the shares were trimmed back 10p to 175p. But profit growth should accelerate in the second half, with more than £5m possible for the year.

Electro-Protective's services have 27,000 subscribers, up from 20,000 six months ago, and 19 stations.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF Ingersoll-Rand Year to 31.12.83 Pretax profit £5.8m (£5.3m)

Phoenix Properties & Finance Half-year to 31.3.83 Pretax profit £122,000 (£22,000)

File Indicia Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £1,000 (£297,000)

George Ingham Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £1,000 (£252,000)

Smith Whitworth Year to 31.3.83 Pretax profit £3,000 (loss £300,000)

Apex Properties Year to 31.3.83 Pretax profit £600,000 (£282,000)

Joe Holdings Year to 31.7.83 Pretax profit £262,000 (£296,000)

WASHINGTON MY MAN JESSEY LTD. 21-41 Street Market Traders

Base Lending Rates table with columns for bank names and interest rates.

Hongkong Bank The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation



Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability

1983 Interim Results

The Directors announce that the unaudited profit of The Hongkong Bank Group for the six months ended 30 June 1983 was HK\$964 million (1982: HK\$888 million), an increase of 8.6%.

Financial statement table comparing six months to 30 June 1982 and six months to 30 June 1983. Columns include HK\$ million and £ million.

Consolidated Balance Sheet details table comparing 31 December 1982 and 30 June 1983.

To conform to generally accepted international accounting practice, the results of major associated companies have been included in the profit on an equity basis with effect from the year ended 31 December 1982.

Prospects for the rest of 1983 Until there is a successful conclusion to the talks now going on between Great Britain and China regarding the future of Hong Kong, it is likely there will be a degree of nervousness in the local market...

While the banking industry continues to have difficulties in a number of areas the Directors consider that Group profitability will remain at a satisfactory level and are confident of being able to recommend a final dividend of not less than HK\$0.37 per share.

Closing of Register of Shareholders The Register of Shareholders will be closed from 12 September until 23 September 1983 (both dates inclusive). In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers (accompanied by the relevant share certificates) must be lodged with the Registrars not later than 4.00 p.m. on 9 September 1983.

By Order of the Board F R Frame Secretary

Hong Kong, 23 August 1983

COMMODITIES

Commodities market data table including London Metal Exchange, Standard CATHODES, and LONDON COMMODITY PRICES.

WALL STREET

Wall Street market data table listing various stocks and their prices.

WORLD FAIR CHIEF BANKRUPT

Knoxville, Tennessee, (Reuters), Mr Jake Butcher a banker and politician who organized last year's Knoxville World's Fair was declared bankrupt yesterday after the collapse of the banking empire he and his brother controlled.

assets can be sold to pay his debts, estimated at \$14.5m (about £9.29m).

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The master of relaxed presentation, with a nervous tie-twitching habit

Brough - the good bloke who communicates racing's joy

No matter how often you go to the races, you can never quite shake off the feeling that you do not really belong there. You are an intruder, a tourist gawping at the sacred rites of a curious ethnic minority, a priestly sect whose distinguishing mark is the brown hat and the binoculars hung like a Christmas tree with countless dozens of entry badges, badges which proclaim the fact that they know you, the mere punter, are guessing.

There is a secret society thing about golf, too. Only people who play are truly involved in the sport, but you only have to play a round of golf in order to become involved. With racing, there is a tiny number of people actually doing it. The rest are always outsiders, to that extent. But to treat them as irrelevant is wrong and, quite apart from anything else, it is insane economically. Racing needs people desperately, and so racing simply must involve people.



The rider: a winner 100 times

The myth of being in the know is all-important and all-pervasive. The fact that only one horse will win the next race and you do not know its name is made yet more frustrating by the touching belief that the brown-hatted ministry and their luminous-shirted acolytes somehow do. A cheer erupts from the near rails when the result of a photograph is announced. Ah yes! They knew. We guessed, and look where it got us. To win is only to experience a moment of glorious belonging for an instant, to the inner ring of the greatest and most beautiful sport of them all.

Scott is rather good at that. He always manages to appear on screen as a decent chap whose delight in racing is easy to understand and therefore to share. He looks like someone who is at the races, not because he is working, but because he likes it, who happens to be telling us about the sport because he is an amiable and chatty fellow. He manages to exude no sense of privilege. He doesn't even wear a hat. His bantering on-air relationship with his colleagues, John Oaksey and John McCrick, confirms the overall impression: that racing's delights are, indeed, shareable.

It is with a rather sneaking feeling of satisfaction that one notices that this master of relaxed presentation has a nervous habit: he is a compulsive tie-straightener. Five seconds before every appearance on the air, he makes a determined effort to strangle himself with the double-Windsor knot, and then once again smiles and squints at the camera to become the good bloke who genuinely does communicate racing's joys.

The presenter: a man of the people

His reputation of being the calm fellow in a crisis was tested in rather more searching circumstances than mere television recently, in an incident he now

BASKETBALL

Lloyd in the eye of the storm

From Robert Pryce Hamilton

England.....88 Canada.....86

Sweaty, but unruffled in the ferment around him, Dan Lloyd sunk four successive free throws in the last 31 seconds of overtime to clinch England's first win over Canada yesterday.

Wimbledon gets brickbats and bouquets

Looking at ways to end abuses and bad practices

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Tennis players are permitted a maximum interval of 30 seconds between the end of a rally and the next service. During changovers, the interval can be 90 seconds. Both concessions are abused, with the tacit connivance of court officials, and both interrupt the continuity of play. The advantages of reducing the 30 seconds to 20 will be among the items discussed by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, the governing body of the grand prix circuit, when they meet in New York today.

The intervals between points are often extended because players take physical or emotional breathers by arguing about line decisions or, otherwise, fiddling about practices which, in addition to checking the flow of play, can disrupt an opponent's concentration. It is to be hoped that the MIPTC will also consider some restriction on the tedious ritual of bouncing the ball before serving. As a further aid to maintaining the momentum of a match, why not get rid of the players' chairs, which inevitably encourage loitering?

Regular interruptions in the flow of play were the second most popular subject raised in post-Wimbledon correspondence. The first, as usual, was the assertion that the dominance of service made Wimbledon tennis less interesting than it should be. There was nothing new in the remedies suggested: making the server stand further back, on a new line drawn for that purpose; or restricting him to one service, or insisting that the net must bounce before he plays it again; or moving the service line nearer the net; or raising the height of the net.

The dominance of the service never caused as much fuss anywhere else as it does at Wimbledon, which is played on a minority surface with unique playing characteristics. One reader, among "the millions in this country whose knowledge of tennis is practically confined to watching Wimbledon on television", considers there may be a case for having special rules for grass-court tennis. This reflects a widespread frustration among spectators and commentators (justified) that more attractive tennis is played elsewhere.

The variety of court surfaces and consequent diversity of challenges is part of the game's charm. In some respects, the variety of surfaces is unfortunate. Surfaces vary, but the game must be played to one set of rules all over the world. The rules have to be common to all players in all countries, and it is a pity that we get such uniformity throughout the game." David Gray, secretary of the International Tennis Federation says.

Let us turn to the spotlight the other way. The third grand tournament of the year, the United States championship, will begin on August 30 on the hard courts of Flushing Meadows, New York. The tournament's worst features are the nerve-racking noise level and the absence of anything that might reasonably be prescribed to soothe the soul - except for the traditional jazz group who position themselves under the shade of a tree and give arriving customers a melodic welcome on the last day. The sprawling lay-out of the courts lacks coherence, the scheduling is some times nonsense, and the mixture of

TENNIS

First win for Miss Hu

New Jersey (Reuters) - Hu Na, the Chinese tennis star who received political asylum in the United States after she fled her native country in 1961, Miss Norton is ranked 7th in the world.

Well, nobody except the television bosses. If the tournament organizers had the guts to do what was right, rather than what was expedient, the US championships would be a more sensibly scheduled and there would be fewer commercially inspired violations of the 90-second rule at changovers. Money talks but that does not mean we always have to listen.

Financial data table with columns for various categories like 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds', 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds', and 'Insurance Bonds and Funds'. It contains numerous rows of numerical data and company names.



CRICKET: ESSEX STAY AHEAD IN THE TITLE CHASE, BOYCOTT SCORES 100 BEFORE LUNCH

Middlesex savaged by a sticky dog and fall behind in championship

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: Somerset (22 pts) beat Middlesex (0) by 33 runs. An eventful day, though it consisted of only three hours of cricket, played with Somerset gaining the 16 extra points which Middlesex too badly needed. Up to a point, all went well for Middlesex. After a delayed start and on a wet pitch they reduced Somerset in their second innings from their overnight 72 for 1 to 119 all out. But having set up a strong position, which was never going to be easy, they lost 40 minutes to a heavy rain shower and in the chase that followed, Somerset bowled them out.

So with three weeks of the season left, Essex lead the county championship table for the first time since May 1980. Middlesex, who went to the top on June 7 and by June 21 had a lead of 48 points, are now 13 points behind Essex, though with a match in hand. Essex, who were weakened by absence of Middlesex will be looking, during the next week, to their younger players to help keep them in the hunt. Play began after an early lunch with Somerset leading by 79. The spinners were at once, Edmonds despite a damaged spinning finger. Of the 36 overs Somerset batted, he and Embury bowled 23. Daniel, bowled two and Gattling one, to allow Embury and Edmonds to change ends from time to time. Can the spinners bat on a sticky dog? Though I am sure he could if he put his mind to it, he was straightaway caught at slip, beaten to slip, and then dismissed by a classical dismissal, a sign of things to come.

Scorecard at Lord's

Table with columns for Somerset and Middlesex, listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers.

get a chance at Botham, he bowled him. Botham was trying to knock the wrong ball through the covers. Ollis and Botham were together for 45 minutes. The only other resistance to speak of came from David who played two or three cover drives as though on a perfect batting pitch. Poplewell and Gard were both caught at slip point off bat and both Marks edged Edmonds to slip. Garder sliced Embury to a great height. Eventually Ollis lost patience and was stumped. It was a severe test of Downmore's wicketkeeping. One he passed, if not quite with a distinction.

With no rain, Middlesex would have had two hours 25 minutes in which to score their 127. For Edmonds and Embury the ball had sometimes turned extravagantly, though usually slowly. Botham, captaining Somerset, had Booth slow left arm, bowling the second over of the Middlesex innings and Marks the fourth. As it happened, Marks, though England's most recent off spinner, was given only six overs. Play as a whole proved restorable. Maybe that was right. Certainly, as soon as Edmonds did

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Marks: spinning on a wicket that destroyed batsmen.

beginning to quicken up when bowled by Botham, hitting across the line; Embury was marvellously caught in front of the pavilion by Poplewell, who had a reflex throw whipped the stumps with Gattling well stranded. Radley, tenacious as ever, made 20 as best he could. He was confident, well and imaginatively ed Worcestershire, handicapped by the injury to their captain - though he was able to bat - frankly looked a bit of a muddle. They never got into the game.

Kent bat Cowley's innocent-looking spin A broken finger holds out

By Peter Marson

FOLKESTONE: Kent (5pts) drew with Warwickshire (8). Kent's batsmen, casting aside the spectre of defeat by an innings, yesterday drew two, still needing 129 to summit and issued a challenge. In this Warwickshire were invited to make 143 runs to win in 21 overs. Loyd and Smith scored 31 in 37 minutes from 11 overs, before shouldering attack and marching off. A rare opportunity to take maximum points had been lost, not so much here but in Willis's insistence in bowling Gifford and Old into the ground.

Worcestershire

Worcester: Hampshire (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by an innings and 44 runs. Hampshire's star near the top of the championship table, and Worcestershire near the bottom, as a result of this comfortable win. Overnight, Worcestershire had made no runs, still needing 129 to avoid the innings defeat. This they failed to do, by 44 runs. The game was over before lunch. No Jeeves intervened to stave off the doom. Now I come to think of it, I wonder whether the wicket was from a Warwickshire cricketer, so it could hardly have been expected.

Derbyshire guided home by Holding

Derbyshire: Derbyshire (23pts) beat Swansea (6) by two wickets. Derbyshire beat Glamorgan with two balls of the final over left yesterday. Derbyshire, needing 177 to force the match, were guided home by Holding, who cracked a four and a six from the 18th over, bowled by the off-spinner, Rowe. Ontong bowled the 19th, in which Holding, who cracked a four and a six from the 18th over, bowled by the off-spinner, Rowe. Ontong bowled the 19th, in which Holding, who cracked a four and a six from the 18th over, bowled by the off-spinner, Rowe.

Poor reward for Love and Boycott

Bradford: Yorkshire (7 pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (5). Geoff Boycott's 138th century of his career and lusty hitting by Jim Love were enough to win for Yorkshire. Set to score 297 in win in 210 minutes, Nottingham finished at 149 for three in half an hour. The chase was last 20 overs. A chest injury to Bharat Hassan and the early loss of Randall, when Rice was well out on the boundary, Nottingham caught on the boundary, Nottingham concentrated on survival. Boycott hit 141 not out - his second century of the match - while Love smashed five sixes in an unbeaten 75 before Yorkshire reduced their second innings on 283 runs in the morning two hour session. Nottingham were hammered in the 23 minute before the declaration, Love lifting five sixes, one onto the roof of the pavilion, in three overs as the spinners as another 61 were added. Hartley then set Nottingham target.

Championship table

Table showing county rankings and points for the championship.

Minor Counties Review

Cumberland's first-class step out of wilderness. With Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire to contest the Minor Counties championship play off on the county ground at Worcester on September 18, the focus of the last week of the season is the best-innings seventh side for places in the 1984 NatWest Trophy. The top six counties in each division are guaranteed an entry, and the best-innings seventh side will make up the complement of 13 minor counties qualifiers. While the issue in the eastern section is all but decided, many of the western division sides still have plenty to play for in their final games.

Boycott: two centuries

Table listing Geoff Boycott's centuries in various matches.

US Open rewards

The men's and women's singles winners of the United States Open tennis championships at Flushing Meadows, which start on August 30, will each receive \$200,000. Total prize-money is \$1,333,000.

Thomas torment, Surrey sorry

By Richard Streeton

HOVE: Sussex (5 pts) drew with Surrey (7). Any chance Surrey held of completing a six-run margin over Sussex was snuffed by Thomas, the new comer in England's test match. He took three wickets in 10 balls while Sussex were still in the lead. To complete the demolition job that Thomas began, and Barclay and Colin Wells came safely through the closing stages.

Thomas' hostile speed and late movement quickly had Sussex struggling. He had Green behind at 100 and then Cowan and Loran were leg-before to successive balls. Mendis, and Heath held out for 55 minutes before Poplewell bled. When the off-spinner ended Mendis's two hours of defiance, the final 20 overs were just about to start.

While Barclay made no attempt to score, while Wells was aggressive before the game was given up with two overs left, Surrey may have regretted that they had given themselves the opportunity to dismiss their opponents.

Surrey's innings earlier was full of incident, and both teams contributed to some good cricket. Reeve, a recent acquisition from the Leamington, started a three quick wicket start of a lively spell. Gould held three catches, two of them acrobatic ones on the leg side, as well as making a stunning partnership with Richards, in spite of an injured hand, joined in with gusto for the final hour before the declaration.

There is no end to the recent dreadful sequence of injuries to Surrey pace bowlers. Pigott, who sustained his side on Saturday, was the latest absentee, and Reeve chose an apt moment to make an impact. Pauline and Richards were caught behind and Knight was bowled half forward.

The total was 28 when Stewart hobbled off after being struck on the foot by a fierce drive from Lynch, and was only 30 when Thomas was sent in. The batsmen were in a perilous position did not deter Lynch, who drove and pulled with great freedom. His strokes included four straight sixes against Waller, and four fours. Lynch and Richards were set to score 264 to win in 167 minutes and after an opening stand of 46 they lost five wickets for 24 runs with the left-arm spinner, Stuart, the main destroyer. Then Abraham and Nasir Zaidi put on 26 for the sixth wicket and after two more wickets fell quickly Lloyd came in to make sure Lancashire held on. Steele took four for 40 in 25 overs.

Today's fixtures: European Cup Winners' Cup, Scottish League Cup, Rugby League, Rugby Union.

Day of the Stork as he cruises to a triple triumph

From Athole Still, Rome

The second day at the European championships in Rome was dominated by the towering 6ft 6in figure of Michael Gross, aged 19, from the final of the 100 metre butterfly and 500 metres. The Stork cruised to a triple triumph, as he won gold in a time of 54.56sec, equalling his own European record.

Gross then anchored the West German relay team to a new world record of 7min 20.40sec. He had set a world record in the individual event on Monday. It is a great day for Britain. The American swimmer, who has won not only of Gross and the West Germans yesterday, but also from the general quality of these championships, which the Americans will find it very difficult to maintain their traditional supremacy at the Los Angeles Olympics next year.

It was a joyous day for Britain. June Croft, the triple gold medalist at last year's Commonwealth Games, failed by 0.38 of a second, to win a medal when she finished fourth in her specialty. The 200 metres freestyle event. By the 150 metres turn, Miss Croft had moved from sixth into third place and it was only in the last few metres that she was deprived of the gold medal by Conroy of the United States.

It would appear that the British girl has difficulty in performing at her best when her coach, Keith Bewley is not present. He is without question the most successful coach in Britain, but is out of favour with the establishment of the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA). No other British swimmers reached the international finals, but the men's 4 x 200 metres freestyle team performed more than respectably in finishing sixth in a new British record of 7min 29.22sec. The women's 4 x 100 metres freestyle team, Easter 1:51.77, Davey 1:52.61 and Astbury 1:52.70.

Women's 200m freestyle: 1. M Gross (FRG), 2. M. G. (FRG), 3. A. (FRG), 4. A. (FRG). Women's 400m freestyle: 1. M. G. (FRG), 2. M. G. (FRG), 3. A. (FRG), 4. A. (FRG). Women's 800m freestyle: 1. M. G. (FRG), 2. M. G. (FRG), 3. A. (FRG), 4. A. (FRG).

Grimes chooses Coventry. David Pleat, the Luton Town manager, accepted defeat yesterday in the race with Coventry City to sign Manchester United's Republic of Ireland international Ashley Grimes.

Grimes has chosen Coventry. It's a shame because Ashley is a very good player with a lot of commitment, but he's chosen to go elsewhere. Pleat said, chosen to go elsewhere. Pleat said, chosen to go elsewhere. Pleat said, chosen to go elsewhere.

A champagne occasion. This year's order of merit, had he left Scotland in her sights at the tail of the field, standing in five under par after 15 holes. Elizabeth, Queen of Zimbabwe, had the most adventurous round, for she had to recover from five at two of the short holes. Since she took four at another she was collectively five over par for the short holes. Her haul back began with a 9 iron to 15 feet at the fourth, the first of three successive birdies.

Woman with magic touch. Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, is the player to watch in the British Women's 72-hole strokeplay championship which starts today at Moorstown. Two years ago, in what was her first senior tournament, Miss Neumann, then 15 years old, astonished the golfing world by winning the Swedish Women's Open strokeplay championship on a par 3 course with a record margin of nine shots.

Other sport. Sully Prosser and Clare Woodhouse, after running into fog, arrived 15 minutes after yesterday's signing on.

AMERICA'S CUP: CONTROVERSY DEEPENS BEFORE FINAL TRIALS

Victory may take to water without the fins that are rocking US boat

Peter de Savary, head of the British Yacht syndicate, is undecided about Victor's 83 racing in the final elimination trials which start on Sunday with the controversial fins that were added to the bottom of her keel for her last semi-final against Australia 11 on Monday.



Mr De Savary: resentful

attention of the measurers, who made no adverse comment. And at the pre-trial measurement in June the International Measurement Committee, which included Mr Howlett, agreed with Mr Howlett that the addition of wings would not affect Victor's rating.

RUGBY UNION

All Black tour of Britain in autumn

New Zealand, who toured in Britain over three successive seasons between 1978 and 1980, return again this autumn. Details of their itinerary, which replaces a scheduled visit to Argentina, have yet to be finalised, but the All Blacks will play eight games, two of them internationals, in England and Scotland.

RACING

Chance to rescue a princely reputation

When Sandhurst Prince cruised to victory in the Waterford Crystal on Tuesday last week he looked every inch a champion at that distance. His third place behind Green Forest and The Wonder in the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp must therefore have disappointed French colts who themselves graze in the milling sphere.

RACING

Deauville sale sets French record

The Deauville Select Yearling Sale which drew to a close in the small hours of Tuesday morning set new records for a French sale. As is the vogue these days, the previous year's aggregate, average and individual record prices were comfortably exceeded. This was largely due to the combined influence of strong overseas buyers and a weak franc.

ATHLETICS

Palace coup by Cram?

Steve Cram may threaten Steve Ovett's world two mile record when he runs for England in the international club holiday meeting at Crystal Palace on August 29. Cram insists that he is not interested in record breaking but he could be pushed close to his rival's record - set on the same track in 1978 - in the match against Norway, Hungary and Scotland.



Cram: still worried by an Achilles tendon injury

ATHLETICS

Lewis leads the cavalcade of stars. The 1983 world track championships opened in sensational fashion yesterday in Zurich when Victor Kucouzev, of the Soviet Union, and Bernd Dierck, of East Germany, both shattered the championship record in the amateur 4,000 metres pursuit.

United States' unsurpassed world champion at 400 metres hurdles faces a challenging field, including West Germany's Harald Schmid. Despite a concentration of talent in the mens running events, Britain's Steve Cram, the 1,500 metre world record holder, Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe will be here or will be in the 100 and 200 metres against each other.

ATHLETICS

Lewis leads the cavalcade of stars

Great Britain's decline in international Rugby League at professional and amateur level is viewed so seriously that great efforts are being made to attract training. Keith Macklin writes. The professional squad preparing for next summer's tour of Australasia originally contained the names of many of the players who have been public relations officer, David Hughes, says this list will soon be trimmed and players who have failed to report for regular training, or are not performing well for their clubs, will be dropped.

Bath

Table with 2 columns: Race name and participants. Includes 2.30 HOLIDAY STAKES, 2.30 TOG HILL STAKES, 3.0 BE HOPEFUL HANDICAP.

Beverly

Table with 2 columns: Race name and participants. Includes 2.15 TOLL GAVEL HANDICAP, 3.15 BEVERLY SILVER SALTER HANDICAP, 3.45 BEVERLY STAKES.

Beverly

Table with 2 columns: Race name and participants. Includes 4.15 NORTH BAR STAKES, 4.45 WALKINGTON STAKES, 5.15 MOUTH STAKES.

Beverly selections

Table with 2 columns: Race name and selections. Includes 2.15 Tubas Care, 2.45 Spoil For Choice, 3.15 Mr. Mopka.

HOCKEY

Russians in semi-finals

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CYCLING

Teenager's triumph

The 1983 world track championships opened in sensational fashion yesterday in Zurich when Victor Kucouzev, of the Soviet Union, and Bernd Dierck, of East Germany, both shattered the championship record in the amateur 4,000 metres pursuit.

FOR THE RECORD

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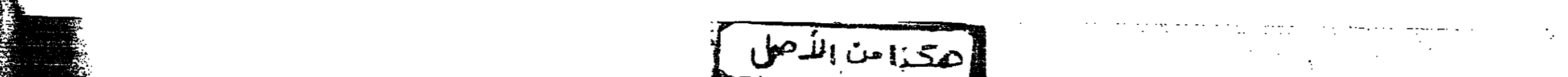
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Residential property/Baron Phillips

Home is where the heart is

Home ownership is continuing to grow. By the end of this year it is expected that 59 per cent of all households in the UK will be owner-occupied compared with 56 per cent in 1981.

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do, with Bulgaria leading the field at 82 per cent. And in the United States which, until recently has had a highly developed private rented sector, it is estimated that 65 per cent of all households own their own home.

this year but then the prediction for 1985 falls to 150,000. Some of this decline may be because parts of the country, such as the Midlands, the North-west and Northern Ireland are not experiencing the same rise in house prices as in other regions; builders will therefore concentrate on the regions where there is most demand for housing in line with localized growth in the economy.

South of the Thames

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Some building societies, however, believe that growth in home ownership will tail off because of declining population. Fewer babies were born during the 1960s, so demand among the first-time buyers will taper off.

Behind the recent expansion in the number of people wanting to buy homes has been a government policy that has introduced several ways of pushing people into the private sector. One notable feature has been the sale of council houses, which has added 500,000 house-

holdings to the privately owned register. There are signs that demand is easing although the greater discounts available to council tenants may convince a few more to buy their own home.

For the moment at least this great rush into home-owning should help keep prices buoyant. There is disagreement about the extent to which house prices have risen over the past 12 months but it is clear that prices have advanced faster than at any time since the 1978-80 boom.

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Edited by Peter Dear



BBC 1

- 6.00 Centre AM: News headlines, weather, sport and traffic details.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank...

tv-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Anne Diamond.
7.00 News from Gavin Scott at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30.

ITV LONDON

- 6.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street.
10.25 Science International. The world of research, narrated by Michael Bentine.

BBC 2

- 6.05 Open University: The Adelaide Centre in NW-London 8.30.
Special needs in Education 8.35.
News and Energy 8.45.

CHANNEL 4

- 5.30 Start Here. Science made fun for youngsters by Konrad the Robot.
5.45 News including 6.45 Prayer for the Day, 6.55, 7.25 Weather, 7.30, 8.00 News, 7.25, 8.00, 8.25 News Summary, 7.45 Thought for the Day.

CHOICE

THE FALKLANDS (BBC2 8.20pm). A Newswatch Special, which illustrates what life is like for the 500 servicemen who have been stationed there since the Falklands conflict...

Radio 4

- 6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day, 6.55, 7.25 Weather, 7.30, 8.00 News, 7.25, 8.00, 8.25 News Summary, 7.45 Thought for the Day.

TONIGHT'S PROM

- 7.00 Stravinsky: Dumbarton Oaks Concerto. Piano Concerto No 19 in F major. K495.
8.10 Robert Sattler: The Ring of Gybel. Symphony No 2. D major. Northern Sinfonia, conducted by Ivan Fischer and Oliver Knussen.

Radio 2

- News on the hour every hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00pm) Major Bullery: 7.00am, 8.00, 9.00am and 5.00pm.
5.00pm Ray Moore: 12.30 Terry Wogan: 10.00 Jimmy Young: 12.00 Music While You Work: 12.30 Garry Hurford: including 2.00 Sports Desk, 2.30 Ed Stewart: including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk, 6.00 John Dunn.

Radio 1

- News on the half hour from 6.30am until 8.00pm and then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MFM/W).
6.00am Adrian Johns: 7.00 Mike Smith: 8.00 Simon Bates: 10.00 Fanny You See Me: Peter Jones asks the questions in this quiz about all aspects of entertainment. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight at the Edinburgh Festival (starring from midnight). 1.00am Folk on 2, 1.20-5.00 Patrick Lamb presents You and the Night and the Music!

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ANTHONY DUFFY: 25 Derris St.
BRITISH LIBRARY: Great Russell Street.
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SAC: Starts 2.20pm.
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As London except: 10.25am Paint Along With Nancy.
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CHANNEL: Starts 12.00-12.10pm.

WHAT THE BYRNDS MEAN

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# Unions decide on soft line to fight Tebbit's reforms

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Battle lines for the debate within the TUC over "talking to Tebbit" were drawn up at a heated meeting of 17 union leaders last night.

The moderates said they were satisfied with the outcome, but left-wingers will still try to reimpose the boycott on discussions with Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, and enforce a policy of non-compliance with his forthcoming labour legislation.

After a three hour discussion a composite motion was drawn up putting the accent on constructive approaches to persuade the Government to withdraw its latest reform.

The motion's key section expresses alarm at the "mounting legislative attack on trade union rights and democracy" but decides that the proposals are best opposed by reasoned discussion, and by explaining to the public that Mr Tebbit's plans are unfair and impractical.

It instructs the TUC general council "to use every possible means to convey its reasoned opposition to the Employment Secretary's proposals and to dissuade the Government from taking further legislative steps on the basis of the most vigorous defence of union internal democracy plus a determination to advance union rights in the face of employer resistance".

But the white-collar engineering workers' union Tass is striking to win an amendment asserting that "there can be no discussion with the Government on the subject of anti-union legislation".

An amendment from the National Union of Mineworkers asks all affiliated unions to pursue a vigorous policy on non-cooperation with the Government.

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## Gas 'still too cheap'

At the same time, Deloitte's say that the corporation could save up to £100m by improving efficiency in some of its regions, particularly in customer services, and accounting. The highest-cost region, North Thames, has nearly 50 per cent higher costs than the lowest, East Midlands.

Among other recommendations, Deloitte's say British Gas should patch up its poor relations with Government.

City Editor, page 13



## None too young or frail to face the enemy

A 12-year-old Nicaraguan boy (above right) not much taller than the Kalashnikov rifle he carries, is shown as part of a forward patrol at El Cinte, north of Jalapa in Nueva Segovia, the scene of heavy fighting earlier this summer (Henry Stanhope writes).

The Honduras border, across which some insurgents backed by the United States are so-called "contras", who oppose the Sandinista Government in Managua, is only a few hundred yards away.

Women have also been serving in the Nicaraguan front line with regular troops, while among local farmers in northern Nicaragua who have banded together in their own militia to protect coffee crops against the 800 or so anti-

government guerrillas in the mountains.

Latest reports from Central America, however, say that the threat of all-out war between Nicaragua and Honduras has receded in recent weeks.

Bernad Debusmann, a Reuters correspondent, says after an 80-mile tour of the frontier that Nicaraguan patrols are now taking pains to avoid clashes which could lead to open conflict.

This evidence of restraint, which can be found apparently on both sides, comes when the United States is deploying as many as 5,600 troops in joint exercises with Honduras.

The relative quiet has encouraged the return of thousands of civilians.

(Photographs by Peter Cavendish)



## £18m order reprieves steel jobs

Nearly 400 redundant North-east steel workers are being taken back on by British Steel, and two mills reopened, after the corporation's success in winning a £18m contract.

The deal announced yesterday, to supply 40,000 tonnes of piping to bring gas ashore was won from Shell.

It is British Steel plates' third big North Sea contract since May and will mean that the Hartlepool plate and pipe mills, closed within five months of each other this year with the loss of 1,300 jobs, have won at least a temporary reprieve.

British Steel has been quietly recruiting 130 men for the Hartlepool plant in anticipation of winning the order, and it announced yesterday that another 250 men would be needed at the mill.

## Labour's hard left to set up national group

Changes for a leadership election and regular reelection of Labour MPs.

One attempt to create a successor to RFMC, Labour Liaison 82, which was supported by Mr Wedgwood Benn, failed to attract the essential interest of "union broad left groups" and was eventually wound up.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn, the new Labour MP for Islington, North, was the London Labour Briefing representative on Labour Liaison 82 and has attended meetings of the Campaign Group in the Commons.

Mr Corbyn is visiting Nicaragua and could not be contacted.

## Zia claims situation fully under control

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uprising in the rest of the country, the main danger of the protest is still only being felt in Sindh. However, the southern-most part of the country, in the North West Frontier Province, in Baluchistan, is most especially in the Punjab, all that happens is that each day a few leading politicians cover the street in a public square and are led away by police, often to be released later in the day.

This, however, was the pattern during the civil disorders that led to the downfall of the government headed by Mr Ali Bhutto. The unrest began in Sindh and went on there for 20 days before the Punjab began to join in.

This time certain things are different. In this agitation the leadership is coming from feudal landlords of the province, from the landed aristocracy and from the hereditary religious leaders, the *pirs* and *mirs* of Sindh.

The chief of Ranipur on Monday led his followers into the bloody violence of that day. Yesterday the *pir* of Hala took his followers out on a protest march which, however, ended peacefully. The depth of feeling in the province is such that the hereditary leaders feel pressed to maintain their positions by being out in front during the protest.

The same depth of feeling does not affect the Punjab, when many of the leaders of the political parties are already safely behind bars and the Pakistan People's Party, which is the driving force behind the demonstrations in Sindh, operates independently in the Punjab. Its leadership there has often been at odds with the Sindh leaders.

Meanwhile in Karachi itself, the bitter smell of tear gas hangs over the crowded market area of Chakrawa. Yesterday the MRD announced that a prayer meeting would be held to mourn those who have died in the campaign. Not much praying was done, however.

The cries of "Zia is a dog" and "Death to Zia" went on for two hours, while the police made foray after foray into the streets where their quarry meted out.

General Zia was greeted in Karachi by 15,000 pro-regime demonstrators whom he told that the authorities had the situation in the country fully under control.

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# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Today's events

Royal engagements: Princess Anne opens the Thamesdown Housing Association's Elderly Persons Group Dwelling at Park Farm, Morden, Swindon, Wiltshire, 3.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the Pier Arts Centre in Stromness, Orkney, 11.50; and attends a service of dedication in St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 4.30.

### Exhibitions in progress

Art of the mastercraftsmen: Pre-Columbian ceramics of Peru, City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh, Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Oct 11).

Scotland's heritage: printed books and learning, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, Mon to Fri, 9.30 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1, Sun to 5 (ends Sept 30).

Tomorrow's Technology Today, Design Centre, 72 Vincent Street.

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,216

Grid for crossword puzzle No 16,216 with numbers 1-27.

### ACROSS

- 1 Girl's given credit as an air-traffic controller (8).
- 9 At home the man has something to pay, it's natural (8).
- 10 Present in 9 (4).
- 11 Getting paid for lapse is no different (12).
- 12 The way papers burn (6).
- 14 Happening to put two numbers in order (8).
- 15 Show curiosity about primitive primness (7).
- 16 Eastern doctor going by old ship put under ban (7).
- 20 Aquatic creature has to stay back by river (8).
- 22 Make an anagram of repair (6).
- 23 Train men to nuclear terminology (12).
- 25 A river, not Yes (4).
- 26 King's not dead; the business is not in the open (8).
- 27 Description of what's left is held back in Sir Harry's return (8).

### DOWN

- 2 One making speeches about gym, or one who performs (8).
- 3 Cooking she's piped her mashed potato over the meat (9).
- 4 Grass, not out of an earlier time (8).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,215 showing filled-in crossword grid.

### New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: Edinburgh and the Borders in Verse, edited with an Introduction by Allan Massie (Secker & Warburg, £5.95).

### Anniversaries

Births: George Stables, animal painter, Liverpool, 1774; William Wilberforce, Hull, 1759; James Weddell, explorer, Oxford, 1787; Sir Max Beerbaum, London, 1872.

### New stamps

Four centuries of British gardens are celebrated on a new set of stamps which go on sale at post offices from today to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the death of Lancelot "Capability" Brown, the landscape gardener.

### The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Australia \$ 1.79 1.71, Austria Sch 29.25 27.85, Belgium Fr 33.90 33.90, Canada \$ 1.35 1.37, Denmark Kr 36.02 36.02, Finland Mk 9.00 8.66, France Fr 12.48 11.93, Germany DM 4.16 3.96, Greece Dr 149.00 137.00, Hongkong \$ 11.70 11.10, Italy Lira 2485.00 2365.00, Japan Yen 335.00 308.00, Netherlands Gld 4.66 4.44, Norway Kr 11.73 11.16, Portugal Esc 200.00 181.00, South Africa Rd 1.97 1.82, Spain Pta 233.75 222.75, Sweden Kr 12.40 11.90, Switzerland Fr 3.38 3.22, USA \$ 1.57 1.52, Yugoslavia Dur 157 153.00.

### Weather forecast

The pressure pattern will continue very slack over Britain.

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